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President, Leland University. Nineteen hundred seventy-five students (including 10 affiliated schools), 65 teachers and 34 theological students, in 1908.



CHAMBERLAIN HALL, LELAND UNIVERSITY, NEW ORLEANS, LA. FOUNDED 1870

Leland University owes its existence to the late Holbrook Chamberlain, Brooklyn, N. Y., who purchased the ground — ten acres — in 1869, erected the buildings, provided for the expenses, and at his death left the bulk of his property as an endowment fund. Chamberlain Hall contains rooms of the president, the teachers, and the female students; also dining-room and laundry.

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LELAND UNIVERSITY occupies a unique place among the schools for Negroes.

In 1869 Mr. Holbrook Chamberlain, of Brooklyn, with the aid of Dr. J. B. Simmons, of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, selected New Orleans as a good place to build a school. The school was loosely affiliated with the American Baptist Home Mission Society until 1892, when a new charter was procured, freeing Leland University from all denominational control.

It is now an independent school. A board of trustees, with a president and twelve members in New York City, and the vice-president and twelve members in New Orleans, and the president of the university as an additional member, control the institution.

The Academy Idea in Louisiana

The institution has fostered the academy idea among the

fifteen or more colored Baptist associations in Louisiana. As a result, the colored Baptists, in addition to building eight hundred meeting houses in Louisiana since the war, have erected twenty-five buildings for school purposes, supported by the colored Baptist associations. Some of these buildings are very small. Some of the associations have very good buildings, worth, in one instance, \$25,000; in two others, \$20,000; and smaller, down to \$1,000, and even less. These schools have at least five thousand students. In addition, the state uses nearly one hundred of these meeting houses as public schools, and the churches maintain nearly three times as many private schools.

Leland University has worked for the unity of the religious work of the colored people, initiating and fostering the building of academies and the association of the academies as affiliated schools. Ten of these academies have affiliated with Leland, giving the president of Leland the position as president of the schools, with the power to nominate the teachers and direct the courses of study in these ten schools. In 1908 more than one thousand five hundred were enrolled in these academies.